

B. C. Market Quotations.*(Continued from page 755.)*

and ornamental work for use in the buildings of the Canadian section.

Capt. Webster, manager of the Union Steamship Company, has returned from England. Capt. Webster says that several of the company's most influential stockholders intend visiting British Columbia in the summer, with a view to extending their business operations.

The negotiations which have been pending for some time for the sale of the town-site of Mission on the C. P. R. at the southern branch junction, have now been concluded. The property is owned, 27 28ths, by Mr. Horne, and 1-28th by Mershon & Timberlake, of Vancouver. It is understood the purchase price is \$650,000.

The National Electric Traction and Lighting Company, Victoria, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Hon. Mr. Higgins, M. P. P.; vice-president, Dr. Jones; secretary, Major C. T. Dupont. The company decided to purchase new and complete lighting plant, and improve the present service.

Heisterman & Co. dissolve by mutual consent, Foster Macguin retiring. Heisterman & Co. continue the old business, including the general agency of the Mutual Life. Mr. Macguin confines himself to the interests of the Mutual Life, for which he is the Pacific Coast superintendent of agencies and manager in British Columbia.

The first business meeting of the Van Winkle Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, was held last week. The company has been incorporated with a capital of \$300,000, in 50,000 shares of \$10 each, and shares amounting to \$450,000 have been issued. The following officers were elected: President, R. G. Patlow; vice-president, J. M. Buxton; secretary-treasurer, Geo. De Wolf; directors, H. F. Ceperley, E. Mahon and Geo. De Wolf; McPhillips & Williams, solicitors; Bank of British Columbia, bankers.

From a letter received from London, England, last week, the sale of the well-known Silver King group of silver mines is confirmed, the final transfer of the property to Scotch capitalist having taken place. The price paid for the mines is stated at \$1,800,000 of which a good slice goes to the parties negotiating the deal. The development of this rich property will give an impetus to mining on Tread mountains and will be a great benefit to West Kootenay district and the province.

The C. P. N. Company, of which Capt. John Irving is manager, has decided to put two steamers on the northern coast route and have one leave Victoria every Monday evening. The steamer Princess Louise, which now runs regularly to Fraser river points, will shortly be taken of that run and with the Danube, the present northern steamship of the company, will carry on the northern business. It is probable that the new schedule will go into effect about 15th inst. when the Danube finishes her present trip.

A new industry will be established in Victoria within the next month or six weeks. Already all the preparatory arrangements have been made, a company started, and contracts entered into for the erection of a factory, and the supply of material. The company will be known as the Victoria Enterprise Manufacturing Company, and will have for its object the manufacture of bone products. The company has secured five acres of land on the Tolmie estate, and contracts have been awarded for the building and furnishing of a first class factory, which, it is hoped, will be in operation by the end of this month or early in April. When the factory is in full swing it will be capable of handling several tons of bones per day; and among the products of the concern will be ivory black, bone black, animal charcoal, assay for smelters, bone ash, fertilizers, glue, soap, blacking, axle oil, chicken food, inks, etc.

The customs returns for the past month in Nanaimo were:—

Duty collected	\$ 3,458 74
Miscellaneous	243 48

Total	\$ 3,702 22
Imports—Goods dutiable	\$ 9,965 00
Goods free	1,000 00
Leaf tobacco, excise	365 00
For duty, excise warehouse	314 00

Total

The shipment of coal from the different collieries for foreign ports during the past month were as follows:—

	Tons
New V. C. Co.	24,732
Wellington	15,785
East Wellington	503
Union	7,000

Total

Following are the customs returns for the port of Westminster, for the month of February:—

Dutiable goods	\$7,783 00
Free	816 00

Total imports

Duty collected	\$3,750 00
Other revenues	29 04

Total collections

Exports	\$1,075 00
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The monthly report of the Victoria custom house is as follows:—

Duties collected	\$50,019 54
Other revenue	11,107 23

Total

IMPORTS.

Free	\$ 36,074 00
Dutiable	199,019 00

Total

EXPORTS.

Produce of Canada (value)	\$15,603 00
Not produce of Canada (value)	7,579 00

Total

The tonnage for the week was:—

Port.	No.	Tonnage.
Vancouver	6	10,115
Nanaimo	9	13,170
Total	15	23,285

Toronto Markets.

Mill feed—Firm but scarce. Bran offered outside to-day at \$14 equal to \$15.50 here, and shorts at \$16 for the latter, that price was bid on spot. Local millers are getting \$17 for bran and \$18 for shorts.

Wheat—Opened stronger, but later in the day holders were ready to sell at yesterday's prices. Buyers were more willing to take hold. They bought white and red 61 lbs and over, at 66c. Spring was bought on the Midland for 63c. Goose sold here at 63c. Manitoba wheat very quiet; beyond some bids on call very little was heard. For No 1 84c was bid, 83c for No. 2, 77c for No. 3, 72c for No. 1 frosted and 60c for No. 3. No 2 frosted wanted at 61c spot; sellers asked 63c to arrive.

Barley—Dull and unchanged. Several lots of No 2 offered on the Midland at 40c.

Oats—Quiet and lower at 33c on spot. White and mixed offered freely at 31c outside. On call white offered on the Grand Trunk at 32c with buyers at 31c.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to 4.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.90 to 4.25; Ontario patents, \$3.25 to 3.50; straight roller, \$3.15 to 3.20; extra, \$3.00 to 3.10; low grades per bag, \$1.00 to 1.25. Bran—\$15.50 to 17. Shorts—\$16 to 18. Wheat—

west and north points)—White, 65 to 66c; spring, 61 to 63c; red winter, 65 to 66c; goose, 59 to 60c; spring Midland, 63 to 64c; No 1 hard, North Bay, 82c to 84c; No 2 hard, 80 to 82c; No 3 hard, 75 to 76c; No 1 frosted, 72c; peas (outside) 57 to 58c. Barley (outside)—No 1, 45c; No 2, 40c; No 3 extra, 36 to 38c; No 3, 32 to 34c; two-rowed, 51 pounds, averaging about No 3 extra in color (outside), 35 to 40c. Rye (outside) 54 to 55c. Oats, 33 to 34c.

Eggs—Weak and lower under liberal offerings. Single cases of fresh eggs sold at 22c and 10 case lots at 20c. With a continuance of mild weather dealers look for a big decline next week.

Potatoes—There is a good demand for potatoes and the market is firm; car lots of sound potatoes are held at 82 to 85c per bag on spot; and small lots out of store sell at 90 to 95c.

Beans—A steady jobbing movement is reported at \$1.30 to \$1.45 per bush, according to quality.

Seeds—Red clover sells at \$5.50 to 8.75 per bushel, with very choice samples occasionally bringing \$8.90; timothy sells at \$1.50 to 2.25, and alsike at \$5.50 to 6.50 per bush.

Dressed hogs and provisions—Dressed hogs bought were weaker and street and rail lots were at \$8.00 to 8.25. Quotations are:—Mesa pork, Canadian, \$20 to 21; short cut, \$21 to 22; bacon, long clear, per lb, 10½ to 11c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 12½ to 13c; tubs and pails, 13½ to 14c; compound do, 10 to 10½c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb, 13 to 13½c; bellies, 13½ to 14c; rolls, per lb, 10½ to 11c; backs, per lb, 13c.

Butter—There is a brisk demand for all grades of butter and prices are quoted very firm. Receipts during the week have been just sufficient apparently to fill the local demand, for hardly any thing has been sent out of the city, and no accumulation of stock is reported. Choice dairy tub butter sells at 19 to 21c, do large rolls at 18 to 20c medium or bakers' butter is in active request at 14 to 16c; creamery tubs have met with an active enquiry at 23 to 23½c. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 17 to 18c; extra choice, 20c to 22c; medium do, 14c to 16c; large rolls, good to choice, 17c to 19c; medium do, 15c to 16c; creamery in tubs and crocks, 23c to 24c; rolls, 26c to 27c; cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11½ to 12c.

Cheese—Stocks held are not large, and in consequence dealers are quite firm in their views and will not make any concessions. No large lots have changed hands recently, but a brisk jobbing trade has been done at 12c for choice fall made cheese.

Cattle—Prices were practically unchanged from those quoted on Tuesday. Choice butchers' cattle were firmer, however, and scarcer, so local butchers claimed, than on any former day this year. A few small picked lots sold up to 4½c per pound, but the bulk of the offerings changed hands at 3½ to 3¾c per pound for good loads, and 2½ to 3½c for medium. There were very few stockers or feeders here, but hardly any enquiry reported for them. All the good cattle placed on the market sold early, and most of the rough and inferior stock was taken before the yards were closed.

Sheep and Lambs—A few over 50 were offered, most of which were sheep. Good grain fed lambs were in active demand, at 5 to 5½c per pound. Double the number in would have sold. Sheep were somewhat draggy and easy at \$4 to 6 per head.

Hogs—Receipts, 336; all sold. Roughs thin hogs and light stores were draggy and lower at \$6.00 to 6.25 per cwt. weighed off car. The bulk of the offerings were composed of these, and had there been the usual number of good animals in it would have been hard work to dispose of them, as local dealers say they do not want them. Choice straight fat hogs were firm at Tuesday's prices, and sold readily at \$6.50 to 7.00 per cwt (off car).—*Empire* March 4.